

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA**

Walter William Cartwright, II,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	<b>ORDER</b>
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
Captain Chris Ray,	)	Case No. 1:23-cv-085
	)	
Defendant.	)	

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Plaintiff filed motions on February 1 and 22, 2024, requesting a court-hosted settlement conference. (Doc. No. 53 and 57). On March 4, 2024, Defendant filed a response to Plaintiff's motion. It takes the position that a settlement conference would be fruitful at this time given the present posture of this case.

The court held a status conference with the parties by telephone on March 8, 2024. Based upon its discussion parties, the court is not presently inclined to schedule a settlement conference in this matter. Discovery is still ongoing. Consequently, the parties are not yet in a position to evaluate this case for settlement. Plaintiff's motions (Doc. Nos. 53 and 57) are therefore **DENIED** without prejudice.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated this 14th day of March, 2024.

/s/ Clare R. Hochhalter  
Clare R. Hochhalter, Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court